

### Evening Program Slated For Assembly of God

A Sunday school Christmas Church at 1317 Cravens avenue program will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, December 23, the Torrance Assembly of God.

To all, our most sincere wishes for holiday joy!



MR. & MRS. A. H. BARTLETT:

regret that this year it is physically impossible to send personal cards and hope that our many friends will accept this message of our fondest wishes for a

# Merry Christmas

AND MANY HAPPY NEW YEARS TO COME

### School Board Makes New Bid For Nielson Lot

Board of Education Tuesday night authorized Business Manager Emmet Ingram to make an offer of \$3000 an acre to Henry W. Nielson for his North Torrance property that the board seeks for a future school site.

Nielson's property, approximately 3.6 acres, is located on West 168th street, between Yukon and Crenshaw.

### Borg Becomes Father Of Baby Daughter

Hank Borg, owner of the Greater Torrance Market, became the proud father of a 5-pound baby girl at 12:13 p.m. last Sunday.

The baby, Joanne, was born in the San Pedro Community Hospital. It is the couple's first child. Mrs. Borg will return home from the hospital tomorrow.

ter-offer after rejecting Nielson's latest offer of \$4000 per acre for the lots, plus half the value of a pipe line and a barn on the property. The \$3000 would include everything on the land, the board stipulated.

Nielson's latest offer was made through his attorney, Leonard Smith.

The board also heard a letter from the County Auditor's office, recommending that the proposed school bonds be set up so that they would be paid off at the rate of \$50,000 the first year, and \$105,000 yearly after that. This would give the district a bonding capacity at present of \$2,400,000, and the bonds would be amortized in 25 years.

The auditor's office also pointed out that the bonds would bring about no change in the current tax rate, as the El Camino College tax ends with this fiscal year.

The hiring of James Grant

Sibert as an instructor at the high school was also approved by the board. The employment of Joseph C. Gallagher as a groundsman and Dorothea A. Johnson as a clerk also met with approval.

### Gas Station to Stage Big Xmas Celebration

A big pre-Christmas celebration, featuring Joyce, the trained elephant; a trick pony, and trained chimpanzees, will be held at Waggoner's Self-Service Station December 24.

Three special performances will be presented, weather permitting. All children attending will receive free balloons and gifts will be given with all purchases.

### FOREST AREA

Hardwood forests cover more than half eastern Paragatay.



SHOP TALK . . . Rieky Boucher (left) and Don Armstrong talk over the coming YMCA Support Campaign. Armstrong has just been named to head the 1952 drive for the Torrance YMCA—(Herald photo).

### Armstrong to Head YMCA Fund Campaign

Attorney Donald Armstrong has been named to head the Torrance YMCA's 1952 "Current Support" campaign and membership drive, it was reported this week.

Announcement of the appointment was made by John Steinbaugh, chairman of the board of managers for the YMCA here.

Armstrong, who was city chairman of the Palos Verdes Estates Community Chest drive last month, will head an organization of 120 men seeking to raise the Torrance goal of \$13,500, Steinbaugh said.

As a member of the board of managers, the new campaign chairman has been active in guiding the board in legal matters concerning the recently acquired YMCA property at Plaza Del Amo and Arlington avenue.

In accepting the appointment, Armstrong expressed appreciation for the importance and magnitude of the task and predicted success for the drive.

"The job of raising operating funds and enrollment of members for the Torrance YMCA is a challenge that will be met through the best volunteer workers in the community," Armstrong promised.

During the past year the Torrance YMCA has sponsored an extensive program of recreational, educational, and religious events designed to build and promote responsible citizenship and social leadership.

Its boys' and girls' clubs of Gra-Y, Junior Hi-Y, Hi-Y, and Tri-Hi-Y have extended the services to hundreds of young people throughout the community, according to L. Milton Isbell, executive secretary of the Torrance branch.

The YMCA building can now offer additional facilities to the young boys and girls of the community, Isbell pointed out. Available for the youth are the game room, space for group activities, day camps, fun clubs, movies, parties, handicraft, and special interest group activities.

More than 800 boys and girls were enrolled in various YMCA activities during the past year, Isbell reports.

The 1952 campaign—operating under the slogan "America's Youth is America's Future"—will seek the funds to continue

### Caroling Caravan Ready For Christmas Eve Tour

A 50-voice caroling caravan will leave the First Baptist Church on Christmas eve to carol in various parts of the city.

The church bus plus a number of cars will transport the carolers to various homes of invalids, hospitals and court yards of apartment buildings.

The group, under the direction of Rev. J. Russell Killman, will sing three carols with a novel Christmas greeting at the beginning and end.

When the tour of the city is finished, the group will assemble at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marshall, 1415 Beech avenue, for a time of refreshment and fellowship.

### Donald Ferrer Aboard USS Halsey Powell

Donald W. Ferrer, yeoman seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie A. Ferrer, of 18529 Amie avenue, is serving aboard the destroyer USS Halsey Powell with the United Nations Blockading and Escort Force in the Far East.

For bombardment of North Korean cities, the Powell was given a commendation by Rear Admiral George C. Pyer, USN, Task Force Commander, recently.

### DOOR BARRED

The King of England may not enter into the House of Commons.

### A GAY AND GLORIOUS CHRISTMAS!



At this time we cordially express our appreciation of your good will, and say, Merry Christmas!

## TORRANCE GENERAL INSURANCE

LIFE AUTO FIRE

### Santa Claus Will Settle in El Prado Park

Torrance's mobile Santa Claus will settle down in El Prado Park tonight and tomorrow night from 7 to 9:30 to talk to children on their Christmas wishes, the Junior Chamber of Commerce has announced.

In the afternoon, Santa will cruise around the business district in his modernized sleigh—a flattened truck—making periodic stops to talk to children.

Santa's "sleigh" is equipped with a complete North Pole workshop. It also contains gifts for the kids.



FAY L. PARKS . . . Pioneer Retailer

### Chamber Board Names Fay Parks As 15th Member

Elected unanimously by the board of directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Monday to complete its expanded directorate to 15 members was pioneer Torrance merchant-plumber-civic leader Fay L. Parks.

Community building is no novelty to Fay Parks. His contributions to civic growth and cultural development began when he first established his plumbing and heating business in 1917 under the firm name of Torrance Plumbing Company. It is recognized as the oldest Torrance retail business operated by its original owner. Next year, when Parks will have completed his 25th year as active head of his business, he plans to go into partial retirement and "take things easier."

Long before the community incorporated and when there was no city government, Parks took an active part in the "old Chamber of Commerce," around which was centered the entire early community life, both civic and social.

During the thirties Torrance's big annual celebration was the "Factory Frolic," in which Parks took charge of the hobby and flower concessions. Later, when the "Frolics" were abandoned, Parks initiated the present annual "Hobby and Flower Show" as a separate community activity. For the first four years prior to World War II Parks was chairman of these exhibits, which command community-wide participation and attendance. He is a past-president and charter member of the Torrance Rotary Club and has been active in Masonic circles here.

In announcing the election of Director Parks, Chamber President Henry W. Creeger pointed out that the Chamber of Commerce board now is composed of five industrialists, four retail merchants, three professional men, one banker, one newspaper publisher and Mayor Bob L. Haggard, who is a realtor. Also sitting regularly with the board as liaison officers are Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools and Charles Schultz Jr., of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

### Tree Lot Operated To Benefit YWCA

A Christmas tree lot run for the benefit of the Torrance YWCA is being operated next to the Stadium Theater on Cravens avenue. Supervised by Carl Pagac, proceeds from the sales will be turned over to the YWCA, Pagac said.

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